various States and reports submitted by the Relief Commissioner in the Ministry in this regard with details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) In addition to normal release of two instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to all the States for the year 1993-94, Government of India had released the following amount in advance from CRF for immediate relief operations in the wake of recent floods:

State	Amount (Rs. in crores)
Punjab	21.00
Haryana	12.75
Bihar	13.125
Tripura	1.125

(b) In addition to deputing the Armed Forces for immediate rescue and relief operations in the flood affected areas, Government of India had also undertaken repairs/reconstruction of damaged infrastructure like National Highways, border roads, railway lines and power installations etc. in the flood affected areas.

(c) The Crisis Management Group took prompt and effective action on the requests of the various State Governments for Central assistance in carrying out rescue, relief and rehabilitation measures.

Assistance to A. P. Government to control drought condition

3327. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the A.P. Government submitted a memorandum to the Central Government seeking assistance of Rs. 645.44 crores for the year 1992-93 to meet severe drought conditions; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Central Team visited the State to assess the situation. Based on its recommendations Government of India had released two advance quarterly instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), amounting to Rs. 24.60 crores in addition to the normal release of the first quarterly instalment.

Crop Insurance Policy

3328. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in recent floods of North Bihar nearly two crores of rupees of crops have been totally devastated;

(b) if so, what special relief measures are being planned to give to the farmers for the loss of their crops by Government;

(c) whether Government also plan to bring out a crop insurance policy for natural calamities like flood & drought; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Govt. of Bihar has reported that the recent floods in the State damaged crop of an estimated value of Rs. 124.82 crores.

(b) The State Govt. has made arrangements for adequate quantity of seeds, fertilizers and pesticides. In order to enable the affected farmers to start the agricultural operations State Govt. has planned to provide agricultural loan in the shape of short term credit loan @ Rs. 5000/- per hec.

(c) and (d) An area based and crop linked Comprehensive Crop Insurance